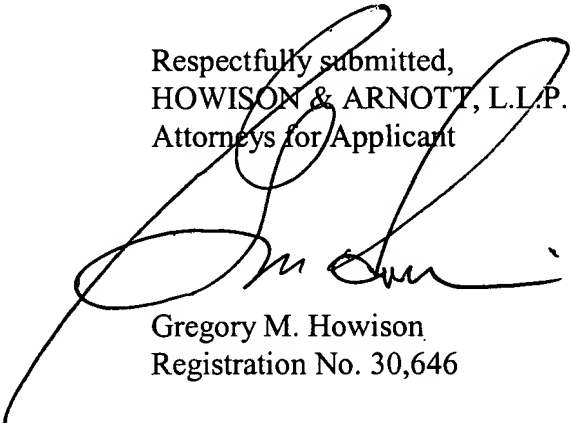


REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated February 20, 2003, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Species I drawn to Fig. 21, Claims 1, 2, 18-20, 27, 28 and 44-46. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/HCAI-24,805 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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